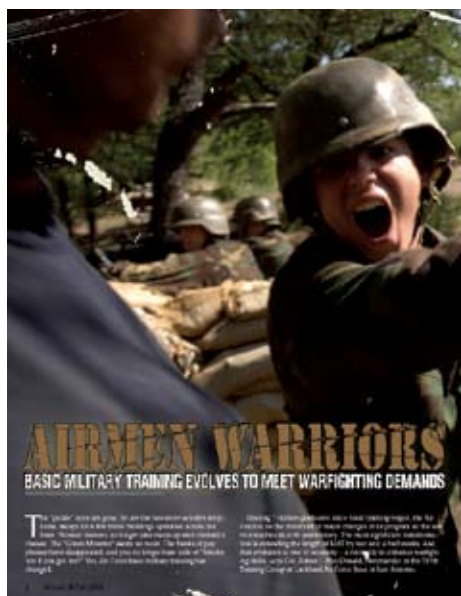


# Kudos

Thank you for the feature "On the Road to Reconstruction" [Fall 2006]. Everyone on my team was so jazzed about the feature to include our commanding generals. You did a great job explaining the provincial reconstruction team mission. We are also going to give one to our local governor and the council, to include the president's office.

*Capt. Mark D. Gibson  
Bagram Provincial Reconstruction Team,  
Afghanistan*



## Sampson warriors

Thank you for your article "Airmen Warriors" [Fall 2006]. Though the history was accurate for Lackland Air Force Base basic military training, one basic military training length was disregarded. In 1955, we had 11 weeks of BMT. On Jan. 1, 1956, it dropped to six weeks at BMT bases and they completed the rest of training at their place of assignment. The day after I signed up, I took a train to Geneva, N.Y., and started BMT at Sampson Air Force Base, N.Y., on Aug. 2, 1955.

Great article and keep up the good work!

*John Kitz  
Lancaster, Ohio*

## Beat the heat

The Airman Basics department "Beat the Heat" [Summer 2006] did a great job of getting the word across on how to spot signs of

dehydration. However, it didn't mention the new approved Air Force Self Aid and Buddy Care Treatment for Heat Injuries — CeraLyte. CeraLyte is now part of the Individual First Aid Kit that is issued to our deployed members. Airmen can find more information in AFI 36-2238 Self-Aid and Buddy Care.

*John Salome  
Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.*

## Historical Airman

Thank you so much for your feature on retired Lt. Col. Dick Cole ["Humble hero," Summer 2006]. It's amazing to read about these early airpower pioneers still telling their story and empowering others to serve. Too often our youth get a different account from what the entertainment business portrays in movies. Additionally, it's fascinating to compare what he went through to what our aircrews deal with today. Technology has awarded us so many conveniences!

*Todd Franklin  
Via e-mail*

## Kudos

I really enjoyed "Welcome to Camp Caisson" [Summer 2006]. Tech. Sgt. Larry Simmons did an outstanding job of covering this important training for our Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen as they prepare for these unique roles in the war on terrorism.

*Ben E. Wedding  
Via e-mail*

## Correction

The helicopters deployed to Cyprus were MH-53M Pave Low IV helicopters ["Out of Lebanon," Fall 2006].

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## Reader feedback

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## Airmen Heroes

Heroes don't always wear tights and capes. Some wear battle dress uniforms and flight suits. And there are a lot of them in the Air Force fighting the war on terrorism every day — saving lives and performing valiant acts. These Airmen raise the bar, providing inspiration for others to achieve greater heights. Check out Airman online for some of their stories, [www.af.mil/news/airman](http://www.af.mil/news/airman).

Each month we'll add more heroes, so if you're a hero or know one, send us the following information: your story in 400 words or less, a snapshot of yourself in uniform [official or casual], a copy of the medal citation or letter of appreciation to confirm the event/action occurred, and a short sentence about what you're doing today. E-mail us at [editor@afnews.af.mil](mailto:editor@afnews.af.mil) with the subject line "Airmen heroes," or mail it to Airman, attn: Airmen heroes, 203 Norton St., San Antonio, Texas, 78226-1848.

## Almanac issue, 'The Book 2007'

Airman magazine's annual almanac issue, "The Book 2007," is your tool for referencing facts and figures about your Air Force. This year's issue will be distributed in February, but will still contain the same information as in previous years. The issue will also be available online at [www.af.mil/news/airman](http://www.af.mil/news/airman) beginning Feb. 1.

